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APPLICANT: E. WILHELM
SERIAL NO: 10/042,726 EXAMINER: J. GOETZ
FILED: JUNE 27, 2002 GROUP: 3725
TITLE: CRIMPING PLIERS WITH ADJUSTABLE CRIMPING GAUGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION
FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

ATT: MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated JANUARY 7, 2004. With the time for response to the Final Office Action being three months and extended by one month, or until MAY 7, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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